

Historic and Cultural Resources Working Group
Meeting Notes
September 7, 2016

Attendees: Jenny Raitt (Planning), Ann LeRoyer (MPIC), Pete Howard (MPIC), George Parsons (Hist. Society), Charles Barry (Hist. Districts Comm.), JoAnn Robinson (Hist. Comm), Dianne Schaefer (Hist. Comm.), Laura Wiener (Planning)

Minutes of Aug. 1 meeting were unanimously approved.

Materials were reviewed:

- CPA Application from Historical Commission
- List of Master Plan Implementation Steps for Historic and Cultural Resource areas
- Newton Preservation Plan

Priority for Grant applications (CPA and Mass. Historic):

- The town's Historic Inventory was last updated in 1999. Since that time we have lost some properties to demolition, addresses have changed, plus there may be properties missing.
- Town Inventory doesn't include non-building historic structures such as railroad bridges, stone walls, cultural resources.
- Our Inventory may have been checked against the state's list, but never updated.
- **Highest priority is to update the Inventory to be accurate and inclusive of all historically or architecturally significant properties in Arlington.**
- **Second priority is to survey all Town buildings, see what needs to be added to the Inventory, and conduct a structural architectural assessment of those that are historically significant.**
- Planning staff will look at similar projects previously funded by MHC , and will talk with MHC about our project.
- Planning staff will work on a budget estimate, by looking at similar CPA projects funded around the state, and talking with Patti Kelleher, who worked on the Historic and Cultural element of the Master Plan
- Charles mentioned that the Historic Districts Commission is looking for ways to demarcate and differentiate the historic districts and will be looking for funding in the future.
- Staff will send a draft CPA application to all members prior to submission. George Parsons, JoAnn Robinson, and Pete Howard will meet with staff beforehand.